New drug for Arthritis

2131. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new medicine for Arthritis developed by IDPL as reported the Indian Express of the 26th June, 1990;

(b) whether this drug has been tested and efficacy established, if so, what are the details regarding its side effects and toxicity; and

(c) whether this drug is being commercially produced and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA): (a) to (c) IDPL has reported that it is evaluating a New Chemical Entity (NCE) for cure of Arthritis. Phase I and Phase II and limited Phase III clinical trials conducted so far indicate the NCE to be effective and safe. It will become a drug and commercial production thereof will be undertaken by the company only after satisfactory outcome of the trials and clearance by regulatory authorities.

Export of Maruti vehicles to Hungary

2132. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether more Maruti vehicles are being exported to Hungary, as reported in the Sunday Mail of the 10th June, 1990;

(b) whether these exports are being done despite financial losses on account of use of components imported against hard currency; and

(c) if so, what has been the total foreign exchange outgo on Maruti project, including all imports of technology, spare parts etc. since inception and what is the total foreign exchange earned on exports of these vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Maruti Udyog Ltd. has exported 2505 vehicles to Hungary till now. 670 cars are being shipped in the month of September, 1990. Another 330 cars are expected to be shipped by November, 1990.

(b) There is no financial loss being incurred on account of exports. The sales of cars to Hungary is in US dollars, and there is a sizeable net earning in hard currency as a result.

(c) The total foreign exchange expenditure till the end of 1989-90 since inception has been US $ 852.69 million. The total foreign exchange earned during the same period was US $62.42 million through exports, deemed exports and domestic sale against foreign exchange.

National Capital Power Project at Dadri

2133. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on the National Capital Power Project at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh has started; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this project and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project was sanctioned in February, 1987 at an estimated and approved cost of Rs. 1063.60 crores. The first 210 MW unit of the project is scheduled for commissioning in

November, 1991 followed by the remaining three units at an interval of six months each thereafter.

Delay in the allotment of Industrial sheds by the DSIDC

2134. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation has failed to allot industrial sheds constructed over 15 years back; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the vacant sheds constructed for over 15 years, 10 years and 5 years back and the reasons for which these could not be allotted to the intending entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) No Sir. According to Delhi Administration, the DSIDC had allotted all the sheds constructed by it but some entrepreneurs failed to take possession.

(b) According to Delhi Administration, at present, there are 12 vacant sheds as per details given below:—

(i) Constructed over 15 years : 7 sheds

(ii) Constructed over 10 years : 5 sheds

(iii) Constructed over 5 years : Nil

The reasons for which these could not be allotted are as under:—

(i) Seven vacant sheds constructed over 15 years were offered for allotment to the selected entrepreneurs during the years 1974 to 1977 but the entrepreneurs did not accept the offer.

(ii) Out of 5 sheds constructed over 10 years, 2 sheds are under litigation and the remaining 3 sheds were earlier not vacant as these were being used by the Corporation.

Comprehensive gas use policy

2135. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive gas use policy with a ten year perspective has been or is being worked out; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in that direction; and what progress has been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The parameters of the comprehensive gas use policy are currently under examination.

World Bank Loans for Power Generation

2136. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has sanctioned two loans to strengthen the electrical power networks in northern India and in Bombay, including improvement in efficiency of power-supply and elimination of transmission losses;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes to be financed therewith; and